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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 11-65

May 24, 2011

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The National Coalition for Public School Options is an alliance of parents that supports and defends parents' right to access the best public school options for their children. The Coalition supports the creation of public school options including charter schools, magnet schools, tuition scholarship programs, open enrollment policies and online schools. We are writing to support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

As wireless technology advances, the virtual and online learning opportunities for school age children increase exponentially. Access to wireless technology has enabled school age children, especially those children growing up in small towns and rural communities, to participate in virtual and online learning and benefit from the offerings of online schools. Consistent with our beliefs, wireless technology has enabled students to learn in unique ways that might not be possible at a traditional public school.

Online schools, distance learning, and Internet courses offer students access to a world-class education from the comforts of their own homes, so long as the student has access to high-speed broadband. The singular reason that our organization would support a merger of telecommunications companies is because we believe it will accelerate the ubiquitous availability of high-speed broadband and therefore allow for more students to have access to a quality education through online learning options.

NCPSO urges the Federal Communications Commission to assess the multitude of educational benefits to America's students and approve this merger.

Sincerely,

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CC:

Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell